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Home-made photo albums, 20 pages, 20 cents each at SENTINEL office if ordered before Saturday noon.

Song service at the Episcopal Church, next Sunday evening.

J. A. Mason came in from the Narrows the other day, with a touch of the grippe.

The City of Seattle is scheduled to sail from Seattle March 21st—next Saturday.

Ex-mayor Jensen it is said recently sailed from Germany for America, and is expected to arrive home before long.

The mail boat for the West Coast leaves Wrangell every Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

Two years ago next Thursday night was a mighty "hot time in the old town" that left a mighty blackened foundation upon which to rebuild. But pluck, energy and perseverance has been working wonders, and although there are not as many buildings as before the holocaust, their beauty and quality make up for the deficiency.

On the Cottage City were twenty Hindus, who had come to Alaska to seek their fortunes. At Ketchikan they applied for work, but were passed on up to Wrangell. Here they came ashore, bag and baggage; but as there are enough English speaking people here to do the work to be done they were passed on to Juneau and Douglas. While such a horde of untutored foreigners as these would not make a citizenship to be desired in any community, it looks somewhat hard to see them running up and down the country applying for labor that shall furnish them the necessities of life. Such cases, however, furnish every thinking man food for thought on the proposition of curtailing or modifying our emigration laws, which, if properly done, would eliminate from this country much of this class of people and shut off much suffering, hardship and actual want.

A. P. Swineford, the veteran newspaper man and governor of Alaska, now editor of the Ketchikan Miner, was a passenger north on the Cottage, to attend the Elks' jubilee at Juneau, and he and Mr. Colby, a Simplex operator, who was on his way to take a machine on the Dispatch, called on the acting Sentinel scribe. Gov. Swineford is holding his age well—well enough to tell in plain language why Alaska is entitled to and should be accorded home rule.

Messrs. C. G. Johnson, N. Walker and Gust Paulsen came over from Calder on Capt. Bierd's Vixen, last week. Mr. Johnson was on his way to Seattle, Walker to do some trading and Paulsen to get an injured hand looked after by a doctor. Mr. Johnson said to a reporter that Calder has become quite a lively camp, thirty men being employed there. Three large shipments of the product of the marble quarry have been made so far this year, and all finds a ready market at San Francisco and other Pacific Coast points.

Mr. C. E. Ju.y tells us that the Portage Mountain mines are all right, and we believe it. The company owning these properties have labored hard and persistently for a long while to cause things to come their way, and are about to see their fondest hopes realized, their present intention being to put in machinery and actively work and develop the claims. May success crown their efforts, as they are deserving of success.

George Curtis Lee Snyder, publisher of the Sentinel, got himself a new watch, covered himself with miniature elk heads and left for Juneau on the Cottage to mingle with the "Best People On Earth" in a function to be given on the 18th. Hence readers of the Sentinel will please overlook any shortcomings in this issue, which is gotten out by an amateur at the business.

The weather the past week has been as crotchety as an old woman. Last Thursday it began snowing and kept it up off and on till Sunday, when a sou'easter brought rain for a few hours, and the wind switching to the northwest, gave us a heavy snow-fall Monday. But all the time the temperature has been scarcely below freezing. So the people have not much complaint to make.

Mrs. E. W. Holmes, who was recently arrested at this place while she was on her way south on the Cottage City, on complaint made by I. J. Sharick, Juneau, charging her with theft of jewelry, and was afterward discharged on motion of complainant, has brought suit against Sharick for \$10,000 for defamation of character and \$100 unlawful detention.

Miss Alma Delaney, daughter of the late Judge Delaney, who has been living in Portland most of the time since her father's death, came from below and visited Mrs. Mary Wilson several days and went up to Juneau to visit friends and scenes at the old home.

Tonight is the date for the regular March meeting of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce. There is important business to be transacted and all members should take an hour off and devote that time to the business of the town and community.

The Klawack cornet band came into this port Monday evening and have been giving Wrangell lots of good music. The band is composed of 17 Indians; all execute well; and if they paid a little more attention to expression and shading, could truly be classed a first-class band.

The Mask Ball Tuesday evening was a swell affair. The music by the Klawack band was good, the crowd was jolly, the lunch inviting, and what more could be asked to make it a success?

Messrs. Royalty and Leonards with their wives came in from their camp, for the "17th of Ireland."

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Dated at Wrangell, Alaska, this 6th day of March, 1908.

L. C. PATENAUME,
Registrar.

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual election for the Town of Wrangell, Alaska, will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, 1908, at which time there will be elected seven (7) Common Councilmen to serve for one year and one member of the Wrangell School Board to serve for the period of three (3) years and one member of said School Board to serve for the period of one (1) year.

Polling place will be in the "Feltman Building" on the north side of Front St. Wrangell, which rooms were formally occupied by G. E. Rodman as a law office.

Polls will be open at 9 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 7:30 o'clock p. m. of said day.

By an order made by the Common Council of Wrangell, March 5th, 1908.

J. E. WORDEN,
Town Clerk.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the citizens of Wrangell will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Red Men's building, Wrangell, Alaska, on Saturday, March 28th, 1908, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock p. m.

This meeting will be called for the purpose of nominating candidates for a Common Council of seven (7) members, to serve for one year, and two members of the Wrangell School Board, a Clerk and a Director, the former to serve for a term of three years and the latter for a term of one (1) year.

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CARD OF THANKS

Alert Fire Co. No. 1 extends its appreciation and thanks to the ladies who provided the excellent lunch, to the merchants who furnished dishes, etc., to Prof. George H. Edson for so ably managing the floor, and to all others who contributed to the success of the Firemen's Ball on February 21.

Guard Al Osborne has been under the weather a portion of the week, but is again able to be at his post of duty. Al makes a good officer.

Business is reported very light about the court house.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the Hospital Building, which I have recently bought, there are a few pieces of furniture remaining unclaimed. If the said furniture is not removed in six months from date of notice, I will look upon same as belonging to said building.

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SPIDERS AND THEIR HOMES.

Webs Are Scientifically Made by the Little Insects.

At the 40th corporate meeting of the Boston Scientific society recently James H. Emerson spoke on the subject of "Spiders and Their Webs." Not only did he outline the habits of the spiders and show pictures of them and their webs, but he gave an object lesson in webs by making the essential parts of a geometrical web in the same manner and in the same order as the spider would herself, says the Boston Transcript. Many interesting facts were related. The spinners are of the same nature as the little cones with which confectioners produce the sugar designs on frosted cakes; there are many of them, each one connected with a gland in the body of the spider. Sometimes half the body of the creature is used for these glands. The spider can keep the threads apart or can run them together into one and it can produce different kinds of thread. This is a silk and is used for different purposes, for webs, to make nests, to inclose cocoons, etc. The ordinary white thread is for the nests, while that of the cocoons is oftentimes colored. Then the thread may be dry or sticky; it may be fine and regular or coarse and rough, according to the use that the spider wishes to make of it.

Next Mr. Emerson gave consideration to the webs. About half the spiders do not make webs, but catch their prey, which consists of insects, by springing upon them. The webs that are made are of different kinds and for different purposes. The most common and familiar one is that which is seen in the grass on dewy mornings. This is merely a level floor on which the spider may run out and catch his food. The web is not of sticky thread. It may last an entire season, but is repaired and strengthened from time to time. These nests are furnished with a tube of web, in which the spider hides.

The distribution of spiders is a curious feature, to which the speaker alluded in passing. There are some, for example, that live in the house. They are never seen out of doors, yet they have been carried to all parts of the earth just as rats and mice have been.

Another kind of web is in large meshes, but of no definite shape. These usually have a thinner portion which is the spider's nest. Insects flying about get into the meshes and are entangled, but are not held by any glutinous nature of the thread. In all the cobwebs except the flat kind, which have already been noted, the spider lives down on the under side of the web. Then there are dome webs, in which the spider lives within the dome and runs about within it to catch the insect that is entangled. These webs are kept always clean, even bits of leaves are taken out by the spider. Then there is a kind of web in which great, crinkly, rough threads are placed upon a framework of finer ones. These by their roughness entangle the flies which the spider catches and eats. Then there are the geometrical webs. This was the kind that Mr. Emerson made with a large tatting shuttle and string. The spider first establishes the radial lines, then, beginning at the center, weaves outward a coarse spiral. These constructions, which are really the scaffolding of the web, are of ordinary thread. Then beginning at the outer edge of the web the spider weaves in the finer meshes of sticky thread, biting out the original coarse spiral as it goes along. This sticky mesh never goes to the center. These webs catch the flies through their mucilaginous quality. Most of the work is done at night, and a single night is sufficient for the construction of a new web. The measurements are by the sense of feeling. Many details and interesting facts about the habits of these industrious creatures enlivened the making of the thread model, which was two or three feet in diameter.

If your piles run over either the plates are not deep enough to hold the juice or else there is not sufficient space for the steam to escape. Use a deep agate plate and make a good opening in the upper crust.

To clean a rope line, place it in a large pan of cold water, add a little washing soda, a little soap, and bring slowly to the boil; boil thirty minutes, rinse it thoroughly in clean, cold water, stretch between hooks to dry.

Long for cake may be prevented from cracking by adding one teaspoonful of cream to each unbaked egg. Stir all together, then add sugar until as stiff as desired.

To avoid washing the molding board lay over it a sheet of heavy glazed wrapping paper. If well soaped, doughs are less apt to stick to it than to the board.

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The cash balance in the treasury has been reduced to about \$17,000,000 by the distribution of funds among national banks during the recent crisis, and the officials have decided to cut down the amount of the balances standing to the credit of disbursing officers. Thus, by a simple act of bookkeeping, the available cash is increased for the time being by many millions of dollars.

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However, the road, if built, will do nothing more than carry out a policy already well established. The accompanying pictures show railroads now doing business in the Alps. The Right road, the first Alps railway, was constructed in 1871, and appears in the picture as it is near the summit of Rigi peak. The Gornergrat, constructed nine years ago, penetrates the upper regions of the Alps. It is the single track road, entering a tunnel, the other road to a tunnel, showing trestle work, being that which climbs Mount Pilatus, and it is by far the steepest road in the Alps.

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Wilted vegetables should be soaked in cold water for an hour or two before they are cooked.

When you have a few tablespoonsful of jam or jelly left over it makes a delicious addition to baked apples, dropping a teaspoonful into the core of each apple before they go into the oven.

Old newspapers may be used to pad the ironing board just as well as an old blanket, which cannot always be spared, or the lining felt which comes for such purposes, and is rather expensive.

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DIZZY ALPINE RAILWAYS.

They Threaten the Disfigurement of the Swiss Mountains.

Over in Europe there is a heated controversy just now as to whether the natural scenery of the Swiss Alps shall remain as nature made it or shall be disfigured with a system of electric railways for the convenience of the public. All the strong arguments are not on one side. There is much to be said against the project, and there is something to be said in favor of it. It is admitted this modern method of transportation may mar the beauty of the place, rob the Alps of their mystery and fascination. Once the climbing of the peaks is made possible for all,

The Postoffice Department is going to seek the aid of Congress to prevent the railroads from putting into service "bluff" trains with a view to capturing mail tonnage and later abandoning them. This fact is disclosed in the report of the department regarding the transportation of the mails for the current year. It is alleged that prior to the reweighing periods, which determine the routes and compensation every four years, it has been the custom of some railroads to put on new fast trains with a view to capturing the mails. Having been successful, such a road, under the present law, must receive pay for that mail during the succeeding four years whether it continues to carry it or not. Accordingly some of the railroads have been accustomed to take off their "bluff" trains soon after the reweighing, allowing the mails to be diverted to another road, but continuing to receive pay for transporting them until the next reweighing eriod, when the trick is repeated.

Speaker Cannon announced his arrangement of the new committee on appropriations, with Tawney of Minnesota at its head and Livingston of Georgia as the ranking Democrat. Tawney has come out squarely for the policy of retrenchment, which the Speaker was known to favor, and he will be the recognized "watch dog of the treasury" during the life of this Congress. In a statement Chairman Tawney referred to the estimates for the next year's expenses being over \$100,000,000 over the estimates for the current year, and said this would mean a deficit of \$83,000,000. Hence the necessity of rigid economy and the avoidance of new enterprises.

The roller skaters of Washington are an interesting sight. There are 50,000 children of skating age in Washington and 30,000 are whizzing around the streets mounted upon two skates, while the balance of them, more or less content with an equipment of one skate a child, are doing a complicated hop whiz, undismayed by the frequent complications which ensue. The asphalt streets are really a temptation not easily resisted, and after dark the roller skaters seem to have grown suddenly and mysteriously taller.

In order to make army service more attractive for the enlisted men, the War Department has determined upon certain reforms, some of which may be put into effect by executive authority and others only by the co-operation of Congress and increased appropriations. One of the changes proposed is that the soldier shall receive his first razor, tooth brush, soap and similar articles from the government without charge, but after the first supply he must maintain his toilet kit at his own expense.

The idea is to construct a narrow gauge electric railway up to the edge of the great Aletsch glacier, Zermatt, at an altitude of 7,700 feet. From

In the Senate the committees have been changed so as to fill vacancies and make places for the new members. Knox goes to the front, as expected, by becoming chairman of the rules committee, where he will have the duty of defending the legality of the measures proposed by the majority. Other important chairmanships are: Appropriations, Allison; finance, Aldrich; foreign relations, Culom; interstate commerce, Elkins; naval affairs, Hale; postoffice, Elkin; and Philippines, Lodge.

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HAM ISLAND MARBLE

One industry that should have the hearty support of Alaskans is the quarrying of marble, of which Southeastern Alaska has a great abundance, and than which there is none produced elsewhere of a superior quality. Marble Creek and Marble Island, out on the west coast, have been producing for several years, the former being quarried with modern machinery and shipped to eastern markets, where it suffers none in comparison with the New England or Italian article for quality.

Down the "Back Channel" there is a marble deposit which stands in a solid wall, straight up from the water's edge and miles along the water. From this immense mass enormous bowlers have been detached by the heavy hand of time, and upon these gigantic chunks Messrs. W. Woodbridge & Lowery have been taking small fragments with crude machinery, and working them into grave stones and table tops. The marble found here is of a very hard variety, and of various shades. There are grey, white, and blue, and also one variety which is almost black. All of this stone can be marketed, there being an entire absence of "headers" or seams which characterize many of the paying quarries. With the modern methods of quarrying such stone, the deposits of marble at Ham Island would prove a veritable mint.

And not only is there a fortune in the visible marble; but there is a very large deposit of a gritty substance, resembling sandstone, but infinitely harder. Woodbridge & Lowery have been using this grit for sawing and polishing the marble, and find it equal to the carbunculum which is used for the same purposes in other quarries.

And further, the two gentlemen have found a deposit of clay which, combined and treated with marble and slate, is the substance from which Portland cement is made. Signs unmistakeable of the existence of other minerals are found in that same locality.

These facts would make excellent material for the prospectus that we have been boasting for during the past two years, and which, if published, would undoubtedly prove of inestimable benefit to this entire section, as they apply to an industry not previously mentioned.

The Wilmington, Del., News says in a recent issue: "Insanity is on the increase in Alaska, due to the dreary effect of the long winters. This evil will doubtless have the effect of preventing Alaska from ever becoming a populous territory." The foregoing statement is but another evidence of the ignorance of the majority of the people in the eastern states concerning conditions in Alaska. With the increase in population of any country, the insanity is also sure to increase; yet we are safe in stating that the percentage of insanity is smaller in Alaska than in any of the states, and this is accounted for by the robust, healthy, hardy

class of people who make up the population of Alaska. As to the dreary winters, the News is wrong again: during that part of the winter when mining can not be carried on, the prospectors and miners of Northern Alaska concentrate in the towns, where there is diversion galore, from whittling on dry-goods boxes to staking a summer's "clean-up" against the turn of a card. In the southern part of Alaska, where mercury rarely drops to zero, such a thing as a dreary winter is an unknown quantity. And, admitting for sake of argument, that there is an increase of insanity, it is an historical fact that when gold was the bait used, men have taken the hook, regardless of the possibility of losing their mind. So there is no probability of Alaska arriving at a standstill in population for many years to come.

A few days ago this writer held a brief conversation with a mining man who said that no section of Alaska presented as many possibilities, or as great natural advantages, as the section immediately surrounding Wrangell. He spoke in highest terms of the lumbering, fishing, trapping, hunting, etc., and mentioned the water-power as the best in the world. He mentioned the Stikine River as the avenue of great benefit, and said that there are many excellent mining properties in this section. "But," he continued, "the people of Wrangell seem to be indifferent and careless as to whether the town and section advances or retrogrades." He went on, and remarked: "If some towns had J. A. Mason, Jorgen Berg, the Wrangell Shingle Co., and others I might name, they would boost to the limit, and not look with doubt and misgivings at their projected industries. What is needed in this town is a cargo of optimism." He related going ashore at Ketchikan and asking a bystander how business was. "Well," answered the man, "it is rather quiet right now, but there are lots of good mines around here, and as soon as the copper market comes up, things will pick up." The same question elicited the same response from all whom he approached in that town. Then he came on up to Wrangell, and every person approached was, in effect, of the opinion that the town was dead, and growing worse, with little hope for the future. It is high time that Wrangell people awake to the fact that they live in a section that is unexcelled; but outsiders must be "shown" before they will invest their money.

The horrible schoolhouse fire in Ohio last week should be a lesson to builders of schoolhouses, theaters or other places of public assembly

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